Mr. Byanna.—

Is not the question of the reduction or increase in the strength of the constitutional assemblies to be taken into consideration only at the time of the next election ?

No answer.

By MR. D. S. MALLAPPA (Tiptur Taluk).—

Q.—32. Will the Government be pleased to inform :—

(*a*) The number of Chattrams that were closed during the last five years and the amounts saved thereby.

(*b*) How much of the savings effected thereby is otherwise utilised, and the objects for which such savings were utilised ?

(*c*) Whether they have taken any steps to feed people of all communities in the existing Chattrams ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—32. *Vide* reply to Interpellation No. 13.

By. MR. SIDDAIAH (Chiknayakanhalli Taluk).—

Q.—33. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) The number of persons of each community represented in Amildari and Shekdari service, respectively before the publication of the Miller Committee Report.

(*b*) The number of persons of each community in the said service at the beginning of the year 1925.

(*c*) The number of appointments made for the above-mentioned posts after the publication of the Miller Committee Report, both by promotion and direct recruitment every year and the number of persons of each community so appointed.

(*d*) As contemplated in the Miller Committee Report, does the Government hope to represent the backward community by 50 per cent of the appointments in Amildari and Shekdari service within seven years after the passing of the said report ?

(*e*) What were the qualifications prescribed for filling up vacancies in Shekdari service before the Miller Committee Report came into operation and what are the qualifications now prescribed when the report is in force ?

(*f*) Will not the higher qualifications now required come in the way of the backward communities being duly represented in the said service?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—33. (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) Statements giving the information regarding the Amildars are placed on the table (*vide* Appendix VI). Particulars regarding Shekdars will be furnished to the member on receipt.

(*d*) The orders on the Miller Committee Report do not contemplate the reaching of 50 per cent in respect of backward communities in each particular grade of service.

(*e*) Matriculation or S. S. L. C. and Revenue Lower with a discretion vested in the Deputy Commissioners to appoint men of backward communities with lower qualifications, not lower than the English Lower Secondary Examination. The qualifications required in G. O. No. R. 1372-81—L. B. 393-22-6, dated 20th August 1924, are in respect of special scheme of direct recruitment with a view to improve the efficiency of this class of service, and this does not effect the previous mode of recruitment in the ordinary vacancies.

(*f*) No. The order provides for two appointments out of three being given to candidates of backward communities.

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Supplementary Questions.

Mr. Malliah.—

Do the orders on the Miller Committee Report apply to the selection of the Amildars also?

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Dewan.—

No.

Mr. Linge Gowda.—

Then what is the unit for the application of the rule of percentage.

Dewan.—

If you read the Government Order carefully you will see that all ministerial appointments up to Rs. 100 come under its purview.

Mr. Nilgiri Sanjeeviah.—

Does not the order apply to the appointment of probationers also?

Dewan.—

Probationers are appointed under a special scheme sanctioned by Government. But even in that case, the backward communities are given more representation.

Mr. Rudrappa.—

In connection with an interpellation in the Legislative Council, the Government were pleased to say that the orders on the Miller Committee Report will be kept in view in making appointments to the Amildari. Does the answer to (*d*) now given not go against that reply?

Dewan.—

It does not follow.

Mr. Rudrappa.—

With reference to answer to (*f*) has the order been kept in view in regard to the appointment of probationers to the Shekdari service?

Dewan.—

The information before Government is that sufficient number of qualified men are not forthcoming.

Mr. Rudrappa.—

Is it not a fact that candidates could not be obtained on account of the higher qualifications that are fixed.

Dewan.—

No.

Mr. Rudrappa.—

Before the orders were passed, was the Recruitment Board consulted?

Dewan.—

A new scheme was started by Government without reference to the Recruitment Board.

Revenue Commissioner.—

Higher qualifications are fixed in the case of the probationary Shekdars, because such men are recruited with a view to appoint them later on as Amildars.

Mr. Rudrappa.—

While calling for applications was mention made of this?

Revenue Commissioner.—

It was not necessary to do so. As the ordinary qualifications for a Shekdari is a pass in the S. S. L. C., it goes without saying that when candidates with higher qualifications are advertised for, they will necessarily have better prospects.

Mr. Rudrappa.—

Is it not a fact that because Government did not mention this fact in the advertisement, many candidates did not apply for the post?

Revenue Commissioner.—

We cannot say that.

Mr. Rudrappa.—

Is it not the general impression that once a Shekdar is always a Shekdar?

Revenue Commissioner.—

No. As a matter of fact many Shekdars have been promoted to higher places.

Mr. Mahomed Abbas Khan.—

When for permanent appointments of Shekdars, the qualification of S. S. L. C. is prescribed, where was the necessity to prescribe a pass in the B.A., for probationary appointments?

Dewan.—

The object is to attract better candidates by direct recruitment.

Mr. Mahomed Abbas Khan.—

Why is it then that the vacancies of probationers have not yet been filled up?

Revenue Commissioner.—

Last year, only one application was received. Hence other posts were kept unfilled.

Mr. Mahomed Abbas Khan.—

Does it not mean that there are no candidates qualified for the post?

Revenue Commissioner.—

Not necessarily.

Mr. Mahomed Abbas Khan.—

Why did they not apply then?

Revenue Commissioner.—

That question cannot be answered. Government cannot go to every individual and put the question. Last year, there was only one candidate among the non-Brahmins. This year, there are five applicants. If applications do not come in, the places will not be filled up.

Mr. Mahomed Abbas Khan.—

Unless you advertise that the probationary Shekdars will be eligible for Amildari, how can Government expect people to come in? Not many people have come in so far?

Revenue Commissioner.—

We have got three Brahmins and five non-Brahmins this year.

By Mr. S. M. Sivalingappa (Chiknayakanhalli Taluk).—

Q.—34. Will the Government be pleased to inform :—

(*a*) The dates with the amounts collected as contribution for the repairs of various tanks in the Tumkur District.

(*b*) The arrangements made for the repairs of tanks.

(*c*) Are the Government aware of the inconvenience caused to the raiyats by the disrepair of the tanks in respect of which contribution has already been collected?

(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to order that the repairs of tanks may be completed during the same year in which the amount of contribution has been collected from the raiyats?